

Farm Bureau Notes

ALL SET FOR FARM BUREAU DECENNIAL

A Number of St. Francois County Farmers Going. Will Be Represented in Big Parade.

Final plans are rapidly rounding into shape for the Farm Bureau birthday party, which will be held in the fair grounds park at Cape Girardeau next Thursday, August 10, the date of the tenth anniversary of the Farm Bureau in Missouri. One feature of the immense celebration will be the pageant parade which from present indications will be more than a mile in length and contain floats and character sketches representing the work of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau, and sixty-four county farm bureaus of this state. The St. Francois County Farm Bureau is making big preparations to take part in the parade and will feature the following floats: Hereford Breeders, Jersey Breeders, and Health.

It is expected that several hundred farmers with their families will drive through from this county to see the parade, hear James R. Howard, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and other state and national speakers including S. D. Gromer, Professor of Rural Economics of the Missouri College of Agriculture and economic adviser to the legislative committee of the M. F. B. F. Mr. Gromer was treasurer of Porto Rico during the Roosevelt administration, and has been representing the Farm Bureau before the new constitutional convention and doubtless will have some very interesting facts to present to Missouri taxpayers. John L. Boland, state president, will preside at the afternoon session. An interstate horse shoe tournament will be held and an old fashioned country dance will be staged in the moonlight on one of the new concrete streets at the close of the celebration.

The Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau co-operating with the Chamber of Commerce and Farm Bureaus will conduct a farm seeing tour of the district the day following the decennial for the benefit of visitors who wish a close-up view of the drained area.

St. Francois County Farmers to Go to Cape Girardeau.

Quite a number of St. Francois county farmers with their families are planning on attending the Decennial Celebration of the Farm Bureau at Cape Girardeau August 10. The St. Francois County Farm Bureau will have three floats in the parade, showing Farm Bureau achievement. These floats will show the development of the Hereford and Jersey Cattle in the county due to farm bureau work. The other float will depict the health work pushed and developed by the farm bureau.

Best Fields of Wheat Traced Back to Seed Tested by College.

While inspecting fields of wheat for the approved seed list published co-operatively by the Missouri Corn Growers' Association, and the University of Missouri, the inspectors of the University found throughout the state many superior fields which are largely of varieties recommended by the University as the result of repeated tests conducted in different parts of the state. It is noteworthy that many of the best fields traced back directly to seed that was sent out in small lots to farmers from the University for testing purposes, says D. W. Frear, extension specialist in field crops for the Missouri College of Agriculture. In quantity of seed which will be available and in general productivity, the Fulcaster variety is in the lead; Poole and Michigan Wonder also make a good showing.

Many farmers are buying seed each year of varieties of which the productivity and quality is unknown, with the intention of producing grain which can be sold as approved seed and as a result very few, if any, of these fields are of sufficiently good quality to be approved. This suggests the desirability of farmers sowing seed of known and tested varieties which have been grown in the state long enough to prove their productivity. In some sections of the state the introduction of these new varieties is complicating an already very bad seed situation by increasing the mixing of varieties caused by too many being grown in the same community. Usually in any community the same variety of wheat can be raised with larger average yield and better results than will follow from raising a number of varieties.

Many farmers who buy seed from outside the state are induced to do so from seeing samples of threshed grain or heads and from records of yield produced outside the state. Such records and samples are no guarantee as to what the wheat will do when brought into the state and seldom do these varieties measure up to the claims made for them. Farmers who go outside the state to secure seed wheat would save themselves money and disappointment in many cases, if they would buy a bushel or two of the seed and try it out instead of making a large purchase of the seed. This small amount of seed carefully threshed and planted each year will in a very short time, give them enough seed with which to plant their entire field providing it proves to be a desirable variety.

In addition to being of known varieties, the seed which is listed by the Corn Growers' Association, comes from fields which have been inspected and which are known to be of good

quality, and the local adaptation of which has been proven by their productivity. Ample supplies of seed of tested varieties will be on the approved list this year and farmers desiring approved seed will likely have little difficulty in getting same.

Those interested in securing some of this approved seed should consult their county agent or write the Secretary, Missouri Corn Growers' Association, Columbia, Mo.

Chicken Culling Demonstration Being Held.

One of the first fundamentals in profitable poultry keeping is the elimination of those hens that do not produce eggs enough to pay board. Some hens, even when properly fed and housed, will not be profitable to keep. The future of a hen, if she has been properly fed and housed, can be judged by her past performance. There are certain characteristics that are associated with high egg production.

The time to look for these characteristics is now. Many hens are now moulting, which is not correlated with high egg production. The best hens do not moult until October 1st. Those hens showing little capacity at this time of the year, when getting plenty of the right kind of feed are the low producers. These and other characteristics that are related to egg production are being brought out at the culling demonstrations.

Last week culling demonstrations were held at John Babb's in the Sink Hole community and at A. A. Johnson's on the Jackson road. A total of 20 people attended these demonstrations. More than two hundred hens were examined and 37 hens classed as culled. Most of the people present learned how to cull and promised to cull their flocks when they returned home. A culling demonstration was held this week at J. S. Horn's, northwest of French Village.

Two demonstrations are planned for today, Friday, one at H. L. Keith's on the old St. Louis road, and one at Wm. Pat's, near Doe Run. If you want a culling demonstration, leave your application at the Farm Bureau office.

Picnic Plans Maturing

The St. Francois County Farm Bureau Picnic to be held September 1st, is attracting a great deal of attention and creating enthusiasm. Mr. John A. Montgomery, president of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau, will make an address. Mr. Montgomery is well known in Southeast Missouri and has the reputation of bringing a message of interest and importance wherever he speaks.

"Barnyard golf" will be a big feature of the picnic. Cash prizes will be given to the best pair of horse-shoe pitchers from each community. Later this best pair of pitchers will be matched against the best pair from other communities. The winning pair from the entire county will be selected in this manner. A \$5 cash prize will be awarded to this pair. The committee in charge of the event is composed of Fred Kollmeyer, chairman; Otto West, and A. W. David.

A base ball game will be played between the L. C. U. boys and a team consisting of boys from French Village and Hazel Run.

Harry Sutton is in charge of the races and he promises to have some real exciting events. C. B. Demman has charge of the races for girls. One special event being arranged for is a water-melon eating contest.

Of course, a big basket dinner will be one of the big features of the day.

REPUBLICAN AID FOR THE FARMER

The funniest piece of inspired Republican fiction of modern times is being circulated in a large number of rural Missouri newspapers under the head of "Administration Went to Aid of Agriculture". This rare bit of literature, obviously emanating from the Republican National Committee, is well worth digesting from the standpoint of humor alone and readers of this paper who are lucky enough to have Republican neighbors are earnestly enjoined to borrow their papers and chuckle over it. Space forbids publication of this epic but we will do the best we can and print a little of it. Harken unto this:

"On its accession to power, the administration found the farmer in a slough of despond into which he had been plunged by economic conditions brought about in part by the extravagant practices of the preceding regime. In the shadow of threatening financial and industrial disaster that then lowered over the nation, the farmer, burdened by indebtedness and crop-poor as a result of the falling prices, loomed as a figure cast for tragedy. His condition demanded immediate relief and this the administration has given him."

How is that for sheer bunk? Ask any farmer—Republican or Democrat—whether he was more prosperous under the last fifteen months of Wilson's administration or the first fifteen months of Harding's administration and see what he says. Ask him what he thinks of live stock prices, of wheat prices, or corn prices. Ask him and hear him "cuss."

"One of Mr. Harding's first acts was issuance of a call for an extra session of Congress in order that there might be prompt enactment of a tariff measure which would afford the farmer quick relief from falling prices," the article says. "This legislation was speedily put through in the form of an emergency tariff and the subsequent rise of prices on agricultural commodities is convincing proof of the effectiveness of this remedial action."

Fine words, but meaning nothing. We have the official opinion of the United States Tariff Commission in

self that with the possible exception of wool, the so-called emergency tariff did not assist the farmer in the least. We know that under the tariff we paid more for our flour and got less for our wheat. And yet the Republican National Committee has the audacity to dub it effective "remedial legislation."

"But this relief was not enough," continues the article. (We should say not!) "Vast numbers of farmers were threatened with loss not only in stored crops but in lands on which they had been forced to place mortgages and liens. To enable them to meet the obligations thus created, the War Finance Corporation advanced funds that enabled agricultural debtors to come safely through the era of stress."

Some truth here. But who created the War Finance Corporation? Woodrow Wilson and a Democratic Congress. This corporation, after functioning successfully, was strangled by a hostile Republican Congress which regarded any project launched by Woodrow Wilson as dangerous and was only revived by a Republican Congress under President Harding after repeated demands from agricultural interests of the nation. The War Finance Corporation is no more a Republican achievement than the Federal Reserve System or the Farm Loan Bank.

The author of this Republican article displays good sense in at least one thing. He has gumption enough not to mention the permanent tariff in process of formation for more than a year and still months away from passage. Even the Republican National Committee is beginning to sense that the farmer is in an ugly humor when this matter comes up.—State Journal.

PLANTS POISONOUS TO LIVE STOCK IN MISSOURI

Jefferson City, Mo., July 31.—Doc-ton David Franklin Luckey, Live Stock Commissioner of the St. Louis live stock market, for more than 20 years State Veterinarian of the Missouri Board of Agriculture, makes the following statement on "Plants Poisonous to Live Stock in Missouri":

There are a great many plants in Missouri—too numerous to mention—that are poisonous if stock would eat them. Jimson weed is an example. The seeds are poisonous but are seldom, if ever, eaten. Either the objectionable taste of the plant or the natural instinct of the animals keep them from eating the poisonous ones found in Missouri, except when pressed by hunger.

An outstanding fact is that the best bred cattle in the herd—that is, the best eaters—are so nearly always the ones affected. Scrawny, poor feeders are scarcely ever hurt, except possibly in cases of wild-cherry leaves.

In twenty years of observation, I have known of two cases of cattle being poisoned on young cockle-burs, one case of horses poisoned on cro-talaria or rattle-box in the hay, and only a few cases of cattle poisoned on the wilted leaves of the wild-cherry tree.

I have heard of many cases of hogs dying shortly after having access to a patch of young cockle-burs. The young burs set up a violent inflammation of the entire digestive tract. Pigs are said to roll and squall from the pain. If eaten in sufficient quantities, they are sure to produce death.

The rattle-box, a sort of pea with a round black pod, found in the hay in some parts of Missouri, is a narcotic. It produces chronic drowsiness with stretching and yawning. If consumed over too long a period of time the horse will gradually go down and eventually die.

When the limb of a green wild-cherry tree blows off, and the leaves wilt, prussic acid develops. Cattle eat a bite or two and drop dead.

Under certain conditions, sorghum, Indian corn, wild cow peas, common red clover and timothy and oat stubbles are very poisonous. When the growth of sorghum or corn is stunted by drought, prussic acid develops in the stalk. Stalk fields are always dangerous, following a dry season. Sorghum often develops so much of this poison that a few bites will kill a cow. Both lose the poisonous property after being cut and cured.

Wild cow peas grow voluntarily in a few black bottoms in Southeast Missouri. Heavy rains during the growing season, sufficient to scald and stunt the growth of the vine, cause the development of prussic acid in the pea. I knew one firm to lose 350 cattle in three weeks from eating this wild pea.

Over-ripe red clover, during a wet season, is poisonous, either in the field or the mow. It produces a cracking and soreness of the skin, especially on the thighs, udder, abdomen and mouth. A cow will kick at the abdomen.

Timothy and oat stubble, following a light shower after a very dry summer, develop a mould that is ruinous to sheep and lambs. The ears first swell and drop, then dry up. A sticky discharge gums up the eyes and nose. The membranes of the eye turn yellow. Death is the usual result. Altogether, the damage done by useful farm crops when they do become poisonous is a thousand fold greater than that done by plants that are naturally poisonous.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Borah, of Maplewood, drove in from their present home in Maplewood last Friday evening for a visit with old Farmington friends, where Rev. Borah formerly was pastor of the M. E. Church. They left Tuesday on their return home. Rev. Borah is related to the famous Senator Borah, though we failed to receive such information from the reverend gentleman.

Badly Lop- Sided Game

The ball game played in the Farmington park, between the home team and the Leadwood American Legion aggregation, was perhaps the most one-sided game that has been played in this city, especially during the present season.

While the visitors came with a reputation for good ball playing, having defeated a number of fairly strong teams this season, their play Sunday did not uphold such reputation. In fact most of the players failed absolutely to indicate the slightest base ball ability.

There was a notable exception, however. Freeman, the boxman, proved to local fans that he has rare ability in feeling the batters, of which the local team is strongly possessed. He retired many of them in one-two-three order. The wonder is that he could "fan" any batter with the woeful lack of support he had.

The game was so weak and uninteresting that the local team appeared to lose interest, and during one inning they made a series of errors which enabled the visitors to score three times. Farmington scored 11, and in the seventh inning the second baseman for the visitors, evidently becoming disgusted by their inability to play, decided to quit, and the game ended in most unsatisfactory manner.

The local team will play next Sunday at Desloge, against the Lead Belt Arcadia Valley team, which is an unusually strong aggregation, which has been winning with great regularity against all competitors. The Farmington team will be strengthened considerably for this game and are expected to give a good account of themselves. It promises to be a fast game.

Greatly Improved Assembly Grounds

The Times editor was privileged to visit the Methodist Assembly Grounds at Arcadia Tuesday. We were surprised to find but few there that day, until we were reminded that the small attendance was the direct result of most everyone having gone home to vote, while those who remained were expecting to make use of absent ballots.

This only shows that those who attend church assemblies are as much interested in the elections as are others—possibly more so. And why should they not be? Much either for good or evil depends on the elections, and surely the church folks have a right to be as deeply interested in election results as are any other class of citizens. Correct service along this line is really as much a religious duty as is any other.

The writer noted a number of splendid improvements about those splendidly located grounds, prominent among which is the piping of the entire grounds and cottages with the purest of water, which enables the sprinkling of the entire grounds. The water comes from a splendid spring in Arcadia, and is supplied to the assembly grounds from an immense concrete reservoir built recently completed on the crown of a hill some distance away, with an elevation of more than fifty feet above the tabernacle.

Another improvement that will bring the greatest amount of pleasure, comfort and convenience is splendid rest rooms for both ladies and gentlemen. Besides toilets, wash rooms and dressing rooms, they are equipped with shower baths, the water for which is heated at the engine house nearby. This structure was not only planned, but the necessary money was also raised by Rev. O. H. Dugan, an able and capable Presiding Elder of this District.

The greatest crowds that have ever assembled on those grounds have already gathered there, and even larger gatherings are expected before the assembly closes. The first week, even though the accommodations had been very materially increased, they were entirely inadequate to properly serve for the many hundreds who were there. A splendid swimming pool is already an assured fact for next year, the necessary money having been pledged for such purpose.

RODGERS-MATKIN

Simplicity characterized the ceremony that united in marriage Floyd Rodgers and Emily Frances Matkin on the evening of Aug. 1, 1922, at 6:45, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Matkin. A bank of green on the lawn formed a background for a bower of asparagus ferns and garden flowers, under which the impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. L. R. King, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Farmington, Mo. The ring ceremony was used. Only immediate relatives were present.

Little Margaret Huff was flower girl. The ring, which was held in the heart of a white rose, was borne by little Frances Irene Morris. Both children are cousins of the bride.

The bride was unusually attractive in her going-away gown of Kasha Crepe of midnight blue, and wore a corsage bouquet of sweet-heart roses and valley lilies, with uncured ostrich.

An informal reception followed the ceremony and the happy couple left immediately for a month's trip through the West.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Matkin and is a favorite in her social set.

The groom formerly resided in Farmington, but is now located in St. Louis and is an enterprising and energetic business man.

Attempted Burg- lary Interrupted

About 1 o'clock Sunday morning a burglar was interrupted in his work in the Donze Motor Co. by the proprietor, Oscar Donze, and made his escape without getting anything. At least nothing as yet has been missed from such midnight visitation.

Soon after midnight Mr. Donze, who with his wife lives above his establishment, was aroused by what he thought was someone moving about on the first floor of his premises. He got up and went down stairs to investigate, but failed to turn on a light. Finding nothing amiss, he returned to bed, but in about twenty minutes he thought he heard that same stirring about on the first floor.

He aroused his wife and she also could hear the same disturbance. He again went to the head of the stairs, but this time his wife accompanied him, as she at once knew that things were not as they should be and would not permit her husband to rush into danger. From the head of the stairs he asked who was below, thinking one of the proprietors of the garage in the rear might be causing the disturbance. Immediately after speaking, however, they noticed the form of a man running into the garage.

Mr. Donze then raised a window and called to a man on the St. Francois hotel corner, who proved to be Night Watchman Geo. Sutherland, that there was a burglar in his place and to run to the rear and intercept him. Before the Night Watchman could get to the rear of the long building the burglar had made his escape through a window. He had moved the safe several feet, apparently to get more light through the window preparatory to working on the combination. But he had not started such operation before he was compelled to give it up as a bad job.

A Light Collision

About 9 o'clock Sunday evening, while the motor truck of the Gardner & Merseal garage was headed toward Flat River on Liberty street, in an answer to a distress call, Roscoe Woodward in his Ford Roadster with two companions, attempted to pass without signaling, or if a signal was given it was not heard by W. A. Gardner, who was driving the truck.

As a consequence of lack of room to pass, the Ford necessarily collided with the truck, to its own detriment. At first it was thought the roadster was very seriously impaired, but it soon continued on its way under its own power, and a thorough examination later disclosed but little damage, beyond crushed mud guards. None of the occupants were injured.

Off for a Vacation

Early this morning The Times editor and family left in their car for a two weeks vacation, which will be spent driving through this State, Oklahoma and Arkansas. They will leave the daughter, Miss Alma, for a visit with her grandparents in Salina, Okla., before she enters school. The editor and wife, together with Harry Williams as chauffeur, will continue their journey through Ft. Smith, Hot Springs, Little Rock and expect to reach Charleston, Mo., in time for the meeting of the Southeast Missouri Press Association there on the 18th and 19th inst.

The writer hopes this trip will do much toward recuperating and renewing the physical condition of his better half, as well as himself, as both are feeling somewhat depleted, both in health and strength. We are pleased to be able to leave the business office of The Times in the care of Theo. D. Fisher, who for so many years managed the destinies of this paper. He will be capably assisted in reportorial work by our hustling and wide-awake reporter, Eugene Morris. With your assistance we know he will please you for your news and advertising needs, while our thoroughly efficient foreman will look well after all orders for job work. We hope our two weeks outing will better prepare us for the strenuous work of newspaper making, which will be to your profit, as well as ours.

To the Dem- ocratic Voters

I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation to you for your loyal support of my candidacy for the nomination to the office of Presiding Judge of the County Court. I sincerely thank you for what you have done, as well as what you may yet do in assisting me in the coming November election.

I also extend to my latest opponents my heartiest thanks and best wishes, and feel that they will do what they can in helping to bring about Democratic success in November. With heart-felt appreciation and best wishes to all, I remain,

Yours truly,
J. H. Orten.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks, to relatives, neighbors and friends, who so kindly assisted us in caring for our dear husband and father, Thomas M. Cunningham; and the good service rendered by Dr. J. B. Graves, the consoling words of the pastor, Brother AuBuchon, and the beautiful floral offerings.

Wife and Children.

Sidelights On the Primary Election

Many county candidates, both Democratic and Republican, were sorely disappointed with the story of the ballots.

A complete tabulation of the votes in St. Francois county, for both the dominant parties, from each voting precinct, will be found on the second page of The Times.

Judge J. H. Orten made a thorough and telling campaign. In fact he made practically a house to house solicitation for votes, and his election over strong opposition indicates that he is some campaigner.

Philip Cole made a most commendable race in securing the nomination for Prosecuting Attorney—setting a pace that killed all opposition. He ran 552 votes ahead of his nearest competitor, Judge Tucker.

The indications as The Times goes to press is that David M. Tesreau, of Madison county, has defeated I. N. Threlkeld, of this county, for the Republican Judicial nomination.

While the returns are not complete regarding the Democratic nomination in this district, the information at hand is that Dr. J. Scott Wolf, of Festus, is the winner in that race.

The tabulated returns from Tuesday's primary election, which appears on the second page of this paper, should be preserved. They carry much information that will prove to be valuable for reference in the future.

"Bill" Bruehl ran like a thoroughbred in his race for Constable of St. Francois Township. Notwithstanding the fact that he had five Democratic opponents in the field, he outdistanced the combined vote of any two of them.

The result of the primary has doubtless left a number of sore spots among the defeated candidates. But all are doubtless good party men and will soon forget and forgive, and continue to fight the battles of the party as they have in the past.

There were but three Republican announcements in The Times, but each one of those three were successful in carrying the Republican vote of the county. J. N. Threlkeld was one of the three, and while it now appears that he has been defeated in the district, he carried St. Francois county by something like 600 majority over his competitor, David M. Tesreau. We are simply giving this information as a fact. You can draw your own conclusions.

In the race for Democratic County Committeeman at St. Francois county there was an interesting race between C. A. Tetley, Mayor of Farmington, and J. C. Watson. While neither candidate did much personal work, their friends made the fight for them. The total vote was: Tetley, 860; Watson, 543; Tetley's majority, 327. It is thought the successful candidate will fill that position with the same efficiency that he has the office of Mayor. If that is true, then there can be no complaint among good Democrats.

While Breckinridge Long carried St. Francois county by about 1,000 majority—almost two to one against Senator Reed, it did not foretell the result of that race throughout the State, as the Senator has evidently won the nomination by a few thousand plurality. Such a result appeared to be impossible to many Democrats, up to the closing of the polls. That Senator Reed is a fighter, all must now admit. He turned what appeared to many as certain and overwhelming defeat into victory. The result again proves that the American people love a fighter.

Vote Not Tabulated

The following is the vote received by State candidates not given in the above tabulation:

Supt. of Schools—	
Chas. A. Lee (D)	1624
William Oakerson (D)	1063
Sam A. Baker (D)	2296
Judge Supreme Court No. 1—	
William T. Ragland (D)	3175
Conway Elder (R)	1121
Alroy S. Phillips (R)	994
Judge Supreme Court No. 2, 2 to elect	
John T. White (D)	842
Edwin J. Bean (D)	1414
John M. Dawson (D)	257
Hopkins B. Shain (D)	180
W. M. Bowker (D)	281
Robert F. Walker (D)	547
Haywood Scott (D)	907
Thos. Speed Mosby (D)	474
Edward Higbee	1508
Francis M. Haywood	1648

Constable St. Francois Township.

Bruehl (D)	558
Black (D)	261
Laxton (D)	241
McCarver (D)	235
Frather (D)	132
Moyer (D)	75
Richeson (R)	409
Berry (R)	360
Woods (R)	227

Chas. R. Wilson, of Kansas City, spent last week with his wife, who has been visiting her parents here. Mr. Wilson returned to Kansas City Sunday but Mrs. Wilson remained until Wednesday in order to attend the Rodgers-Matkin wedding.